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Major NEA awards to arts organizations in Boston and Cambridge included \$122,900 to the Boston Symphony Orchestra for youth concerts; \$101,000 in outright grants to the American Repertory Theater plus a \$235,000 challenge grant for its endowment fund drive and \$100,000 to Boston Ballet.

Grants to state and regional cultural funding agencies included \$421,000 to the New England Foundation for the Arts and \$399,000 to the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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